

after by some of America's most prestigious universities. But Donald Holleder chose to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, even forgoing a National Football League draft selection by the New York Giants in 1956 to serve as an officer in the Army.

Don Holleder was, by nature, a selfless man who subordinated himself to the greater good of the team, whether that team was on the football field or the field of battle. He was the embodiment of a true leader, willing to endure personal sacrifice so that others could succeed, even at risk to his own personal safety.

Major Holleder's actions in Vietnam on the morning of October 17th, 1967 at the Battle of Ong Thanh were unparalleled in their bravery. According to eyewitness accounts documented in the Army's recommendation for award, his actions to save wounded soldiers under enemy fire were above and beyond the call of duty. After several requests to be permitted to assist his men, the Brigade Commander relented and gave his approval. Having voluntarily gone outside the perimeter, armed with only a .45 caliber pistol and advised of the peril he faced, he ran several times into no-man's land, risking his own life to save others. Stabilizing a rapidly deteriorating situation and reestablishing command, this Brigade staff officer saved many lives before he was mortally wounded.

On April 27th, 2012, Major Donald Holleder was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in recognition of his sacrifice. His actions were indeed so notable and involved risk of life so extraordinary that he clearly deserves to be set apart from his comrades, exemplifying the timeless values of courage and sacrifice that this award is intended to honor.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENABLE AMERICA

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Enable America, a first of its kind organization entirely dedicated to reducing unemployment among people with disabilities. This organization has assisted countless people with disabilities in finding a job and the belief that "good things happen when people have jobs" underpins their efforts.

Enable America was founded by Richard Salem, a man intimately familiar with the disabled community. After losing his eyesight as a teenager, Richard's parents were the main drivers behind his continued inclusion in the public high school system, which later allowed him to graduate cum laude from Belmont Abbey College. In pursuing a law degree, he was the first blind student to attend Duke Law School, graduating with distinction in 1972. Now, 40 years later, Richard is not only a successful lawyer, as the founding partner of the Tampa-based Salem Law group, he is also a tireless advocate for those living with disabilities and life-changing diseases.

Knowing that the support he received was one of the keys to his success, Richard founded Enable America in 2002 as a nonprofit organization that is focused on increasing em-

ployment among the 54 million Americans with disabilities, including wounded warriors and disabled veterans. With more than 70 percent of adults with disabilities wanting to work so that they can live independently, the programs that Enable America has developed helps them to achieve this goal. Enable America's committed staff knows that having a job gives people "self-esteem, independence and pride. They have a place in the community and are able to grow and become their own person."

In assisting people with disabilities to find a job, Enable America directly confronts the misinformation or misunderstandings about the disabled community, which often hinders people with disabilities from finding employment. Enable America's two-pronged approach was developed specifically to help connect the disabled community with the business community. First, they host Community Connection Meetings across the nation, which assist with the creation of a national information-sharing network comprised of local community task forces devoted to eliminating the barriers to employment for disabled individuals. Second, Enable America hosts a series of meetings with business leaders, managers, resource professionals and speakers to encourage prospective employers to hire disabled job seekers by demonstrating the many benefits of hiring disabled employees and by answering questions that businesses may have about issues such as personnel policies, taxes and insurance.

Beyond connecting people with disabilities with business leaders, Enable America also provides disability employee mentoring. This program provides people with disabilities with real-world experience in the workplace by matching mentees with business mentors that are looking to improve diversity and increase employment opportunities. Today, I have the privilege to host one of these mentees in my Washington, D.C. office. William "Bill" Rockwood, who is currently pursuing a law degree at Georgetown, does not allow his learning disability to stop him from embracing new experiences and taking advantage of opportunities when they come along. Programs like Enable America, which offered Bill a unique mentoring opportunity, not only provide an irreplaceable experience for the mentees, but also afford mentors an impactful look at the contributions they can make in any work environment.

Finally, Enable America assists our wounded warriors as they return to active duty or civilian life. These brave men and women who have served our country in combat deserve all the assistance that we can provide. Military service members, past and present, possess a great sense of honor and traits any employer would find valuable—duty, commitment, and loyalty. Enable America honors their service and sacrifice by showing businesses that investing in our nation's veterans and honoring their service to our nation is not charity, but a smart decision.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see this organization is truly making a difference in the lives of those living with disabilities. I ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing this important milestone and to wish Enable America continued success in the future.

HONORING LT COL KRISTINE SWAIN FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Kristine Swain for her 21 years of dedicated service to our great country. Lt Col Swain graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991, and a year later earned her Master of Arts in Russian studies from the University of Kansas. During Lt Col Swain's 21 years of exceptional service she has served in South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Alaska, England, Kosovo, Italy, and Belgium.

During Lt Col Swain's three year assignment in Brussels she authored position papers for use by both the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State for negotiations dealing with the Russian incursion into Georgia. She was awarded her second Defense Meritorious Service Medal in part for translating complex and delicate guidance into concrete NATO policy and action. Lt Col Swain is currently serving as associate professor of history at the Air Force Academy where she has authored a new course in Russian history and co-authored an innovative senior level course on the Cold War. We are all indebted to the selfless service members such as Lt Col Swain and many others who courageously defend our great nation.

IN HONOR OF JULIAN ROGERS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Julian Rogers, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Tenth District.

Councilman Rogers was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010 and currently chairs the Environment and Sustainability Committee. He is also the current Executive Director of Education Voters Ohio, a statewide, nonprofit organization that works to improve the quality of public education throughout Ohio.

Prior to serving the residents of Cuyahoga County, Councilman Rogers worked as the senior assistant to the Chief Executive Officer at the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) for a span of seven years. During that time, he also served as a Liaison to the Office of the Mayor for five years. Preceding his work with the CMSD and City of Cleveland, Rogers worked on Mary Boyle's campaign for the U.S. Senate, as a Regional Director for America Coming Together, served as a delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention, co-founded Blue 88 and served as Field Director for the Cuyahoga County Arts and Culture levy which helps provide over \$16 million a year to support arts and culture in the community. Additionally he has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in 2006 and 2009,